

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters) Russia and Japan.

London, 30th December. Japan are buying quantities of 100,000 barrels of flour at St. Pauls for export to 100 tons of coal in loading at China, for Japan.

Telegraph's Tokio correspondence. Emergency measures include a temporary loan repayable in

permit Japan's interference in either Korea or Manchuria. The *Asahi* expresses astonishment at the hostile attitude which is being adopted toward Russia by China.

London Paper's Strong Attitude.

PROPOSED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO JAPAN. London, 12th Dec. The *Telegraph* strenuously urges financial support of Japan by England. The press generalizes firm policy in the interests of the British and Japanese alliance.

(Der *Ostasiatische Lloyd*.)

Russia and Japan.

TRYING TO POSTPONE THE CONFLICT. Berlin, 24th December. The *Kohlische Zeitung* receives a report from St. Petersburg according to which Grand Duke Alexander Michailovich was acting together with other most influential persons against the outbreak of war, at least for a postponement of the conflict. They hope to achieve this, between others, by a transference of the negotiations from Tokio to St. Petersburg.

Another Move By Russia.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* learns from London that Russia is making concessions to Japan with regard to Korea for the sole purpose of gaining time for further armaments. But Japan is demanding territorial guarantees in Korea to be safeguarded against any future attack of Russia.

Doubtful Report.

The pessimism of the English and French press about the Far Eastern question is not shared by the respective governments.

Another Russian Report.

The Russian Commercial Telegraph Bureau in Berlin is informed from St. Petersburg, that Japan's answer to the Russian note was received there yesterday. It contains absolutely nothing that can cause any fear with regard to war; on the contrary, it renders it possible that the negotiations will be continued in a more conciliatory spirit from both sides.

Obituary.

Berlin, 27th December. Mr. Zardelli, the late President of the Italian Cabinet, is dead, aged 74. The cause of his death was cancer of the stomach.

Prof. Schaffie, a well-known German economist and statesman, died in Stuttgart. The cause of his death was disease of the kidneys.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

Classes in practical mathematics and mechanics are to be held at the Institution of Engineers, commencing on Monday next. The classes, which are arranged to meet the wants of a large number of engineering and other students in the Colony, will be under the direction of Mr. W. H. Williams, formerly lecturer at the Municipal Technical School, at Birmingham. There will be classes for preparatory, elementary, and advanced students, and the work will cover the mechanical principles and mathematical methods needed to work out the problems which naturally come within the scope of electrical, civil and mechanical engineering trades. The two classes on practical mathematics are considered most suitable to those who have not the time to spare to go through a regular mathematical course of training. The elementary stage deals with rapid methods of arithmetical work so important in connection with testing, and with all kinds of engineering design. The advanced course will lead up to and include the simpler parts of the Differential and Integral Calculus.

The elementary and the advanced class will meet twice a week—one night for lecture and demonstration, the other night for exercises and individual attention. The special applications required by students in their own work will be dealt with. All the classes will be arranged to suit the convenience of students engaged in the day-time so as not to interfere with their business. A detailed description of the different exercises is given in the syllabuses, which may be obtained at the institution, and intending students are requested to select the evenings of next Monday and Tuesday, at 8 p.m. for consulting Mr. Williams at the Institution as to the classes they should join. It is important to note that apprentices will be admitted to all classes at half fee.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

RETICENCE MAINTAINED. The Government continues to maintain the strictest reticence with regard to the situation, but there is no sign that the tension of the last few days is in any way relieved, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, of the 25th ult. According to the *Nichi-Nichi*, which has the reputation of being a semi-official organ, the contention of Russia is that the Manchurian question is one between Russia and China, and that Japan has no right to interfere. After tracing the negotiations, and the unyielding attitude adopted by Russia, and dealing with her prostration, the *Nichi-Nichi* says that the Japanese Government, after a special Cabinet Council at which the Elder Statesmen were present, determined that the position taken up respecting Manchuria and Korea could not be reiterated from the point of view of the American company, as it concerns the monopoly of electric enterprises in Seoul. It is, however, believed that there will not be any serious difficulty in the affair, as the electrical works will be purchased by the Japanese before long.

It is confirmed, that the alleged agreement about the employment of the Russian Military Officers is erroneous—*Asahi*.

Reported New Russian Demands.

London, 21st December. The *Colgate Gazette* publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg, stating that Russia is stipulating for the right to establish naval and military bases at Tokio and Masampho.

[We print this cable as received. We are, however, not clear what place is meant by "Tokio." Possibly, Tokio is intended, but this seems somewhat doubtful, as Tokio and Masampho are close together, both being on the China Kai Bay.—*Ed. Herald*.]

France and Russia.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF WARSHIPS.

London, 21st December. Mr. Demetrius Boulger, in the *Daily Mail*, states that there is good ground for believing that France is willing to sell to Russia several warships which are now cruising in the Levant. It is possible they may join the Russian squadron which is now at Dizerta.

The U.S. And Manchuria.

London, 21st December. RUSSIAN ANXIETY. The United States Congress having ratified the Chino-American Treaty, the Government of the United States will immediately appoint Consuls to Mukden and Antung. The Russian journal, the *Navy-Kai*, acknowledges that the opening of these places would completely paralyse Russian activity.

St. Petersburg Papers Increasingly Aggressive.

London, 22nd December. The St. Petersburg *Bourse Gazette* continues to declare that it is impossible for Russia to

permit Japan's interference in either Korea or Manchuria. The *Asahi* expresses astonishment at the hostile attitude which is being adopted toward Russia by China.

A private despatch from Tokio states that a large number of Japanese soldiers, disguised as coolies for railway and telegraph work, have already been despatched to Korea. It is believed that more men will be sent there, as Japan feels justified in taking up the tactics which Russia has adopted in Manchuria.

Viceroy Alexieff has established two military bureaux, that of the Amur and that of Dalmatia. The latter will have control of the Dalmatian and New Balkan as well as Manchuria, and the other troops within the Viceroy's command will be under the Amur Bureau.

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Lands, Hotels, and Buildings—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co.'s shares were forced down over the settlements to sales at \$155, at which rate, however, an unsatisfied demand exists. Hotels sold, and are for sale, at \$148. Kowloon Lands unchanged. West Point found buyers and have further inquiry at \$125. Humphreys charged hands at \$115 and close strong at \$117.

Cotton Mills—Shanghai quotations are unchanged. Hongkong Cottons sold and are wanted at \$154.

Miscellaneous—Green Islands fetched \$25, but are obtainable again at \$24. Watson are unobtainable at \$142. Electrica sold at \$131 for old and \$7 for new shares. Providents have been done and are wanted at \$24. Watkins have been fixed and can be placed at \$24. Langkats have sellers at Tls. 315.

YARN MARKET REPORT.

Writing on 21st ult., Messrs. Cawasjee Pallanee and Company state:—Since the issue of our last circular, dated the 18th inst., our yarn market showed little or no signs of improvement, sales reported being for actual daily requirements at an advance of about a dollar per bale. The importers strengthened by telegraphic advices from Bombay are not free sellers. Sales of only about 25 bales are reported. Arrivals per steamer *Coronado*, *Nansang*, *Kagoshima Maru*, *Managone* and *Gregory Apcar*, of about 8,000 bales. Shipped to Shanghai and Northern Ports about 5,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated about 45,000 bales.

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Arrivals.

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Groamin, Br. s.s., 2,240, Learmonth, 31st Dec.—Penang 14th Nov., Coats—Admiralty, Taiyuan, Br. s.s., 1,459, Dawson, 31st Dec.—Australian Ports 5th Dec., Gen.—B. & S. Germania, Ger. s.s., 2,573, Behmann, 31st Dec.—Batoum 11th Nov., Cases—Oil—Order.

Stolberg, Ger. s.s., 1,553, Kirchner, 31st Dec.—Mali 27th Dec., Coal and Gen—11, A. L.

Passengers departed.

Per *Kufong*, for Manila—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ayton, Mr. J. O'Sullivan, F. J. Brown, Messrs. G. Speer, J. T. Westwell, J. Felton, J. Roe, D. Lanley, S. Reid, M. Tapia, A. Serrano, G. Verdier and J. Sale.

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Whampoa, Br. s.s., 1,109, Lawes, 1st Jan.—Hainan 29th Dec., and Hainan 31st Dec.—Gen.—A. R. M.

Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer, 1st Jan.—Swatow 31st Dec., Gen.—H. & S.

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Bengal, Br. s.s., 2,751, Phillips, 2nd Jan.—Mails and Gen.—H. & S. N. Co.

Sungkang, Br. s.s., 1,021, Robertson, 2nd Jan.—Manila 30th Jan., Hainan—H. & S.

Madeleine Kicknins, Ger. s.s., 1,020, Sanders, 2nd Jan.—Bangkok 25th Dec., Rice—H. & S.

Paotang, Br. s.s., 1,070, Wavel, 2nd Jan.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 28th Dec., Rice and Oil—H. & S.

Tsugurisan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,559, Narasaki 2nd Jan.—Kuchinotzu 27th Dec., Coal—M. B. K.

Hong Wan I, Br. s.s., 2,606, Penitney, 2nd Jan.—Singapore 25th Dec., Gen.—Chinese Kwongkang, Br. s.s., 1,427, Luke, and Jan.—Canton 31st Dec., Gen.—H. & S.

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Shipping Reports.

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Str. *Sungkang* from Manila—Fresh N.E. monsoon, clear and fine, going S. and returning.

Str. *Hung Wan I* from Singapore—Strong N.E. gale and high sea, from Horsburgh to Lat. 18° 0' N., thence to port moderate wind and sea.

Str. *Paotang* from Chinkiang—Fine and clear weather throughout, light to moderate W.W. winds to Breaker Point, then fresh N.E. winds and clear.

Str. *Gloomy* from Penang—Moderate weather to Gilbraltar, strong W.W. winds in Mediterranean, fresh to strong monsoons in Arabian Sea, strong breeze to gale in China Sea.

Str. *Thales* from Foochow—There to Amoy fresh monsoon and moderate sea thence to Swatow moderate monsoon and sun, to Breaker Point light variable winds, and fine clear weather, thence to port; light variable winds and fine, hazy weather.

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Bjorn, Nor. s.s., 722, Christensen, 26th Dec.—Korso 20th Dec., Coals—C. & Co.

Charles Tibergien, Fr. s.s., 2,790, Roy, 25th Dec.—New York via Singapore and Manilla 13th Oct.—Gen.—D. & Co. Ltd.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,116, Textor, 29th Dec.—Bangkok 22nd Dec., Rice—B. & S.

Clam, Br. s.s., 2,311, Evans, 23rd Dec.—Bali, Papai 15th Dec., Liquid Fuel—Order.

Claverburn, Br. s.s., 2,358, Parker, R. N. R., 27th Dec.—New York 27th Oct., Case Oil—S. O. Co.

Druji Maru, Jap. s.s., 84, Grove, 31st Dec.—Tamsui 28th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Duyawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,057, Kümpel, 28th Dec.—Bangkok 16th Dec., Rice—B. & S.

Elig, Nor. s.s., 708, Christensen, 17th Dec.—Amoy 15th Dec., Ballast—C. & Co.

Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, Archibald, R. N. R., 22nd Dec.—Vancouver, N.C., 30th Nov.—and Shanghai 19th Dec., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

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